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MEMORANDUM FOR: DCI

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SUBJECT: Soviet Battlefield Lasers

1. As per your direction, I'm energizing the intelligence community to provide better support on this weapons system to General Meyer and his DoD colleagues.

2. The essence of the Pentagon's complaint is that the intelligence community's collection and analytic efforts are disconnected from the Pentagon's decisionmaking schedule.

3. Now we've asked the Pentagon to project forward and to tell us, as specifically as possible, what they need to know and when they need to know it. Apparently, this is a novel approach and one they find quite useful.

4. The Pentagon's response is scheduled to arrive in about two weeks, at which time we'll review our collection and analytic efforts to see if any changes are required.

5. I've asked Ted Atkeson to manage all this, and he is doing so.

6. Ted and I are now looking at other weapons systems--e.g., armor--where the intelligence community might want to redirect its efforts to provide better support to Pentagon policymakers.

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